COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the Supreme Judicial Court holden at Boston within and for said Commonwealth on the seventeenth day of December, in the year two thousand and eight:

present,

HON. MARGARET H. MARSHALL
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HON. RODERICK L. IRELAND
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HON. FRANCIS X. SPINA
) Justices
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HON. JUDITH A. COWIN
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HON. ROBERT J. CORDY
)
HON. MARGOT BOTSFORD

ORDERED: That Chapter Three of the Rules of the Supreme Judicial Court is hereby amended as follows:

Rule 3:11:

By inserting at the end of paragraph (6) the following two sentences: To facilitate transitions in Committee membership, the court may invite a newly appointed member whose term has not officially begun to observe Committee business for a period not to exceed three months prior to the commencement of the member's term. A member whose term has expired shall remain on the Committee pending appointment of his or her successor, and until the successor's term begins.

The amendment accomplished by this order shall take effect on January 1, 2009.

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